

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user comprising:
a patient interface mask, in use in fluid communication with said supply of gases and supplying said gases to said user,
at least one outlet member integrated with or attached to said patient interface mask,
wherein ~~the~~ a boundary between said outlet member and said mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.
2. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said outlet vent comprises a slot formed in said interface mask and a cover extending over said slot and attached to said interface mask, such that the separation between said interface mask and said cover increases to the edge of said cover in order to diffuse said exhaled gases.
3. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said outlet member is removable.
4. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent is a substantially long tapered slot.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent extends between the top and bottom of said ~~patient interface~~ mask.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said ~~patient interface~~ mask is a nasal mask.

9. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said ~~patient interface~~ mask is a full face mask.

10. (Currently Amended) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user ~~including~~ comprising:

a pressurised source of gases,

transport means in fluid communication with said pressurised source adapted to convey said gases, and

a ~~patient interface~~ mask in fluid communication with said transport means in use delivering said gases to said user, and ~~said patient interface including:~~

at least one removable outlet member integrated with or attached to said ~~patient interface~~ mask, wherein ~~the~~ a boundary between said outlet member and said ~~interface~~ mask forms at least one narrow slot that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.

11. (Previously Presented) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user according to claim 10 wherein said outlet member is removable.

12. (Currently Amended) A removable outlet member for a gases delivery ~~patient interface~~ mask, said ~~patient interface~~ mask including at least one said outlet member, ~~the~~ a boundary between said outlet member and said ~~interface~~ mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of expired gases from a user.

13-17. (Cancelled)